

said bowler's finger pad and forming a contact area with said finger pad for insertion of said finger pad into the finger hole of a bowling ball for protecting said bowler's finger pad from a force of a bowling ball produced from a maximum natural force for lifting said bowling ball in the release of said bowling ball;

[d] c) said means for protecting a bowler's finger pad, for spreading said force of a bowling ball produced from a maximum natural force to lift said bowling ball in the release of said bowling ball, over said contact area.

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Claim 16 (amended) A Bowler's finger pad shield for protecting a bowlers finger pad on a bowler's middle finger inserted into a bowling ball finger hole, from the force of the bowling ball against the bowler's finger pad, produced by the bowler applying a force from the bowler's middle finger pad to the bowling ball finger hole for lifting said bowling ball in the release of said bowling ball to apply rotation or spin, comprising,

a) a means for protecting a bowler's finger pad;

b) means for placing said means for protecting a bowler's finger pad, in contact with said bowler's finger pad and forming a contact area with said finger pad for insertion of said finger pad into the finger hole of a bowling ball for protecting said bowler's finger pad from a force of a bowling ball produced from a maximum natural force for lifting said bowling ball in the release of said bowling ball;

c) said means for protecting a bowler's finger pad, for spreading said force of a bowling ball produced from a maximum natural force to lift said bowling ball in the release of said bowling ball, over said contact area.

Cancel claim 18.

Amend claim 22, as follows,

Claim 22 (amended) The bowler's aid of Claim [21] 19, wherein,

f) said finger pad shield is formed to be substantially rigid to resist deformation and to spread said force of a bowling ball produced by a natural maximum force applied by the bowler's finger pad, over said contact area uniformly.

(brackets and underlining to show changes)

Claim 22 (amended) The bowler's aid of Claim 19, wherein,

f) said finger pad shield is formed to be substantially rigid to resist deformation and to spread said force of a bowling ball produced by a natural maximum force applied by the bowler's finger pad, over said contact area uniformly.

Amend claim 23 as follows,

Claim 23 (amended). The bowler's aid of Claim [21] 19, wherein,

g) said finger pad shield is formed to be substantially rigid to resist deformation and to spread said force of a bowling ball produced by a natural maximum force applied by the bowler's finger pad over said contact area to prevent pressure spots within said contact area.

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Claim 23 (amended). The bowler's aid of Claim19, wherein,

g) said finger pad shield is formed to be substantially rigid to resist deformation and to spread said force of a bowling ball produced by a natural maximum force applied by the bowler's finger pad over said contact area to prevent pressure spots within said contact area.

Amend claim 25, as follows,

Claim 25 (amended). The bowler's aid of claim 24, [including a glove having a finger part and ] wherein said finger pad shield is within said finger part.

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Claim 25 (amended). The bowler's aid of claim 24, wherein, said finger pad shield is within said finger part.